

REMARKS

Claims 20-44 and 48 are pending. Claims 20-29, 31, 33-36, 38-40, 42, 44 and 48 have been amended. Claims 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 33, 35 and 48 are the independent claims.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claim 48 is allowed. Claim 48 has been amended somewhat, without narrowing its scope, to make the terminology more consistent with the other claims. This is not believed to affect the allowability of the claim.

Claims 20-44 were again rejected in the most recent Office Action under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Togher et al.

In the Amendment dated May 5, 2008, Applicants requested that the Examiner contact Applicants' undersigned representative to conduct a telephone interview before issuing a further Office Action. On June 24, 2008, the date scheduled for the interview, Applicants' representative called the Examiner. Before any substantive discussion had taken place, the Examiner said that he had carefully reviewed the application and the Amendment and said that he would be favorably disposed to allow the independent claims if they were amended to specify FRAs like new independent claim 48, which he said was allowable. Applicants requested that the Examiner issue a written action, which was mailed on July 22, 2008. That Office Action allowed claim 48.

As suggested by the Examiner in the interview, each of the other independent claims has now been amended to recite FRAs, in a manner similar to allowed claim 48.

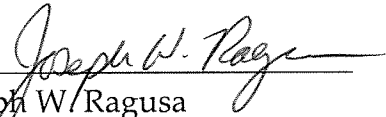
Each of the amended independent claims is now believed to be even more clearly patentable over the Togher reference, for reasons similar to claim 48.

The dependent claims are believed to be patentable for at least the same reasons as their respective base claims.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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